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ISRAELI IS LINKED TO WIFE OF A SPY

Justice Dept. Says a Colonel
Tried to Aid Anne Pollard

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 7 — The Justice Department charged today that a prominent Israeli Air Force colonel attempted to assist Anne Henderson Pollard, the wife of a confessed American spy for Israel, after the couple's espionage activities was exposed.

In a court document urging a prison sentence for Mrs. Pollard, the department said that she met with the Israeli, Col. Aviem Sella, shortly before the couple's arrest in November 1985 and gave her the telephone number of an Israeli diplomat to call in an emergency.

The 21-page sentencing memorandum expanded on previous Justice Department accusations that Colonel Sella was involved in an Israeli spy ring that included the Pollards, who have pleaded guilty to espionage charges.

Mrs. Pollard, 26 years old, who pleaded guilty to charges that carry a maximum prison sentence of 10 years and a \$500,000 fine, is scheduled to be sentenced next month, along with her husband, Jonathan Jay Pollard.

Sella Named as Conspirator

Colonel Sella, whose military exploits made him a hero in Israel, has been named by the Justice Department as a conspirator in the case. Department officials have hinted that they might eventually indict Colonel Sella and other Israeli officials named in the investigation.

Although department officials acknowledge it is unlikely that the Israelis would be returned here for trial, the indictments could block them from ever entering the United States again.

According to the document filed in Federal District Court in Washington, Mrs. Pollard set up the meeting with Colonel Sella at a suburban Maryland restaurant on Nov. 18, 1985, hours after her husband, a counterterrorism analyst for the United States Navy, was confronted by agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

At the meeting, the department said, Mrs. Pollard told the colonel that her husband was in "serious trouble." The department said that Colonel Sella then got up, made a telephone call, and returned five minutes later with the New York telephone number of "Yossi."

According to the sentencing memorandum, which was signed by United States Attorney Joseph E. diGenova, Colonel Sella told Mrs. Pollard to call the number if "she needed help."

An Israeli Diplomat

The Justice Department has since identified Yossi as Joseph Yagur, an Israeli diplomat in Manhattan who fled the United States the day after Mr. Pollard was arrested.

At the end of the meeting in the restaurant, the document said, Colonel Sella told Mrs. Pollard, "You don't know me, you've never met me, you've never heard my name."

The Israeli Embassy had no comment on the charges contained in the sentencing memorandum. "This is a judicial matter before the courts," said Yossi Gal, an embassy spokesman, "and we will not comment on it."

The sentencing memorandum repeated charges made earlier that Mrs. Pollard had, through her husband, obtained five secret documents on China that would have been helpful in obtaining an account with the Chinese Embassy here for her fledgling public relations business.

The Government described the documents as studies by the Federal Bureau of Investigation that dealt with the organization of the Chinese Embassy and consulates.

Mrs. Pollard, it said, "reviewed these classified materials, taking copious notes and steeping herself in information from them in anticipation of her appointment with officials from the Chinese Embassy."

Mrs. Pollard's lawyer, James Hibey, said in an interview that the Justice Department's memorandum today was "shrill, it's inflammatory, it's inconsistent with the facts."

"Anne Henderson Pollard," he said, "never participated in any espionage operation on behalf of anybody."

On Tuesday, the Justice Department released a separate sentencing memorandum for Mr. Pollard, who pleaded guilty to a more serious espionage charge that carries a maximum penalty of life in prison.

The Justice Department said Mr. Pollard compromised more than 1,000 classified Government documents, most of them marked top secret. The Government indicated that copies of several of the documents were later retrieved from the Israeli authorities.